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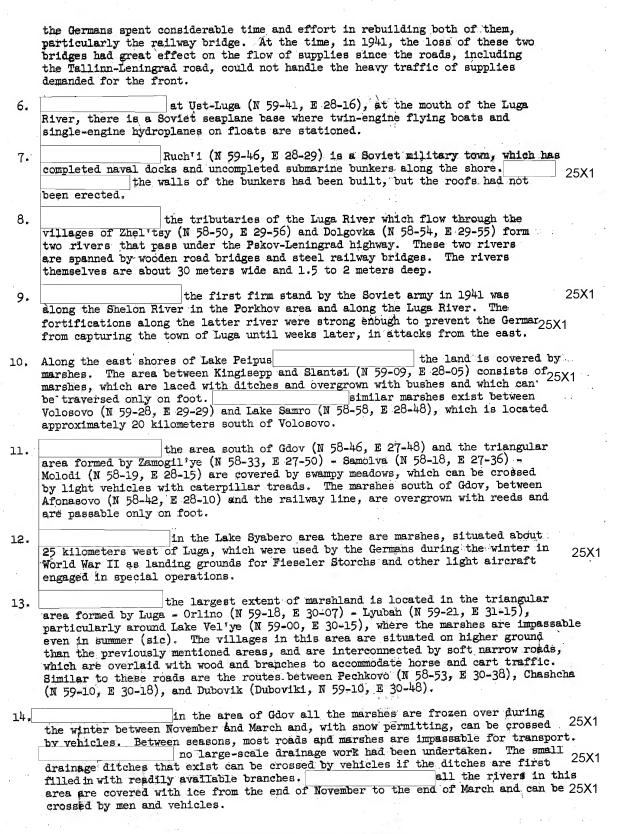
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2.	covered by forests and m Staraya Russa (M 58-00, jungles, impasseble to m the marshes, there origing Finland and the Lakes Pe 131-15). In most cases in muddy beds. the E 28-00), has a fast str Near the town of Pskov, steel bridges, one bridge	marshes, especially no: E 31-20) railway. men and transportation inate many of the rivered pus (Peipsi, N 58-45), these rivers have love the ream and is navigable to the river has high lings for vehicles and the	rth of the Pakov (N 57-47, E 28-23)- the forests as real , and a haven for partisans. In 25) rs which flow into the Gulf of , E 27-30) and Il'men (N 58-30, ow banks and their deep waters run slowl) flows into Lake Pakov (N 58-00, as far as Lugovitsy (N 57-32, E 28-10). mestone banks and is spanned by two le other for the railway. The banks d sandy, and suitable for amphibious
3.	the I	lly causes spring floo	and slow-running, and flows through ds in April, and creates a typhoid (N 59-23) E 28-12).
4	in its upper reaches and has high limestone banks	l has a hard bed. At a and is spanned by a	25. Plows into Lake Il'men, is fast-running Rorkhov (N 57-45, E 29-33), the river steel road bridge and a steel railway s slowly in a muddy bed with low banks.
5- 1	of Luga (N 58-44, E 29-5 (N 59-22, E 28-37) they	52), the banks of the are limestone and six lepth and width of the	ngh forests and marshes. At the town river are sandy, but at Kingisepp to seven meters high, forming a Luga River at Kingisepp are four yelv. At Kingisepp, the river is
	to five meters and 80 to spanned by two steel br	idges, one bridge for	vehicles and the other for the rail- ges while retreating in 1941,
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STATE	to five meters and 80 to spanned by two steel br way. After the Soviets	idges, one bridge for	vehicles and the other for the rail- ges while retreating in 1941,

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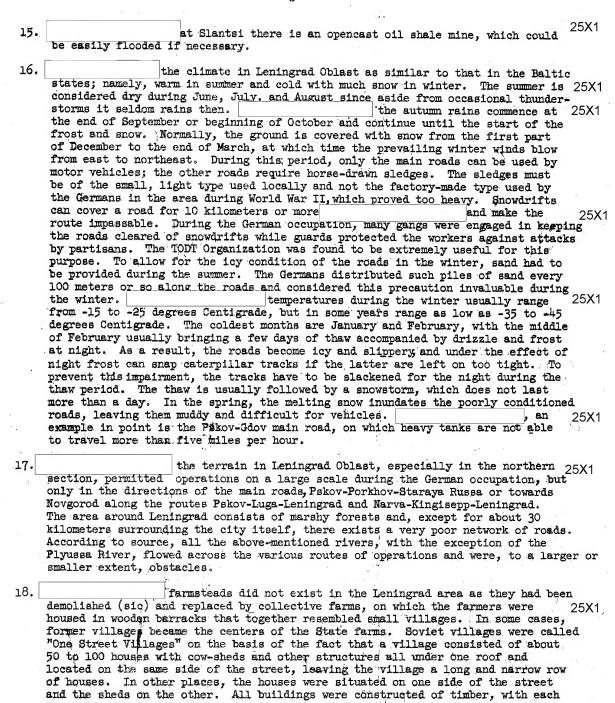


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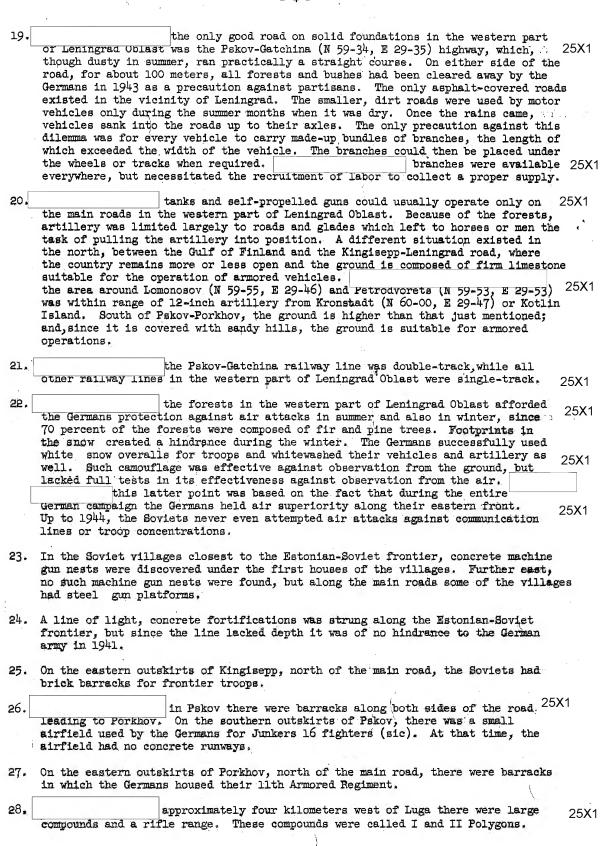
log being about 20 to 25 centimeters in diameter. The gracks between logs were filled in with moss and the roofs were made of thatch. Not a single house was bullet proof and the danger of fire was great (sic). Electricity was not available

in the villages and drinking water had to be drawn from open wells. To add considerably to the danger of disease, there were no toilets in the villages, and the cow-sheds were used for that purpose, instead. In towns along the main roads, the buildings were made mostly of stone, whereas on the outskirts they were made of wood. In the smaller towns, almost all the buildings were made

of wood,

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In the I Polygon, there were two-to three-story buildings which included a military hospital. In the II Polygon, there were only wooden barracks and a rifle range.

throughout the German campaign, the Germans never succeeded in vanquishing the partisans. The best that the Germans could attain was to confine the partisans more or less to the forests, even though their threat always remained. As a result, every working party had to be placed under the protection of a heavy guard, which caused a considerable drain on the German fighting force.

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the Germans found that partisans appeared in areas,

especially, where there had been an NKVD or a Communist Party center. In 1942
and 1943, the areas around Kingisepp, Volosovo, Gdov, Polna (N 58-27, E 28-09),
Os'mino (N 59-00, E 29-06), Pakov, Strugi Krasnyye (N 58-17, E 29-06), Plyussa
(N 58-26, E 29-21), and Luga were considered particularly infested with partisans,
During the German retreat in 1944, the partisans exacted a heavy toll of casualties
in the forests, located within a 30-kilometer radius of Nikolayevo (N 58-16, E 29-27).

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